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**ROTARY CLUB OF CESSNOCK  
DISTRICT 9670  
SPOKE**

## **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

Scott Belsky in his book *Making Ideas Happen: Overcoming the Obstacles Between Vision and Reality* concludes "An idea can only become a reality once it is broken down into organized, actionable elements." This was manifested in our club during the past few weeks when we sought the views of members in a survey of how the club should function to achieve its vision. The responses from members were both encouraging and challenging. I again thank members for their responses many of which were pages long and reflected an overwhelming passion for advancing the Rotary message through our club "Making Ideas Happen". The overriding element in the survey was the need for Fellowship and Fun. I believe that fun is a consequence of fellowship and that fellowship is the single most important element in a significant club. So once again I thank all members for the feedback and our challenge now is to make it happen.

The coming week will be a History lesson and a "This is your Life" meeting of fellowship.

President David.

### **CLUB SURVEY:**

Thanks go to President David for initiating and then following through on the opinions on our own club's pros and cons. The survey was quite thorough and it was good to see that everyone in our club participated and made comments. Generally the club members were happy with the way we do things, run meetings, say grace and sing the national anthem at the end of the meeting. There were only a few who disagreed with that section of the survey. The item which divided the club the most was the question about Honorary Members being elected for each Rotary year. This item will be going to be discussed at a Board Meeting level before going back to all club members.

The Spoke had a lot of discussion and some positive feed back. Some further possible items for inclusion were suggested such as minutes of Board meetings, reports from Directors, a segment to include "Matt's week" and a working calendar. All these items may be beneficial and our Secretary would have most of those. So maybe Janette can put those items into a "Word" format and send it to me before the weekend so that I can include them in the next newsletter. At present I only get the President's Report so that would be most helpful if other Directors take the time and effort to research and summarise their reports in the correct format and have that to me before the weekend. Our new website should have a Working Calendar which can be updated on a regular basis for all members to check at any time.



David Lennon was a popular person at our last weeks meeting. David did the toast to Rotary International including some of the history about the America's Cup race being a fantastic challenge by New Zealand but being won by the USA. Hence the toast went to America rather than to New Zealand. David also received the Presidents Award for the week.

## OCTOBER ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

**JOINED ROTARY:** Janette Jackson 21/10/2001  
**BIRTHDAYS:** Jack Grant 10/10.1929, Brian Howe 20/10/1932  
 Louise Selmes 10th Oct.  
**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:** No October ceremonies ANN



### ROSTER 3rd October

INTERNATIONAL TOAST	Vicki Steep	10th Oct	Louise selmes
TELLER:	Maley/Thomas		Maley/S Jackson
WELCOME TO GUESTS:	George Koncz		Trish Davies
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	TBA		David Lennon
GUEST SPEAKER	TBA		Greater Building Society
VOTE OF THANKS:	TBA		Gail thomas
FINE SESSION:	Peter Carver		Peter Carver
STEWARDS:	All members		All members

### FUTURE EVENTS

3rd Sep - This is your Life  
 10th Sep - Manager from the  
 Greater Building Society  
 31st Oct - Kurri Kurri Inter Club Visit

Meeting time is 6 for 6.33pm

Apologies to Graham Lidbury by 11am on Thursday on phone **0419 682 573**

or Email: lids@westnet.com.au

**REMEMBER: you will be charged for your meal if you are absent and do not apologize.**



# ClubRunner for Rotary International

## Did you know ClubRunner was founded by Rotarians?

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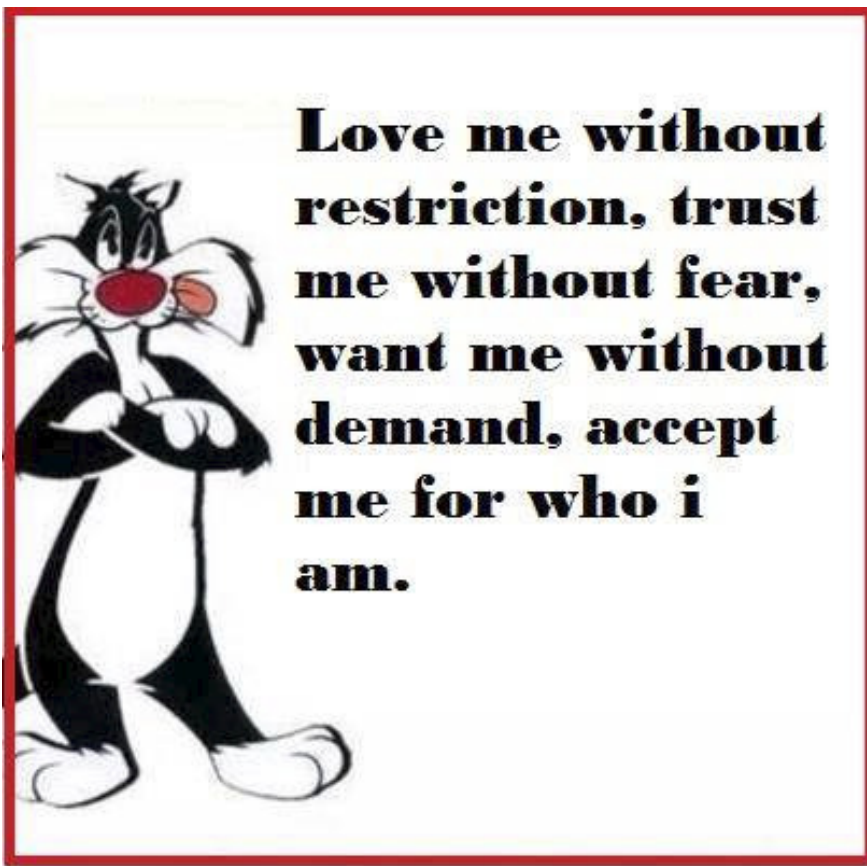
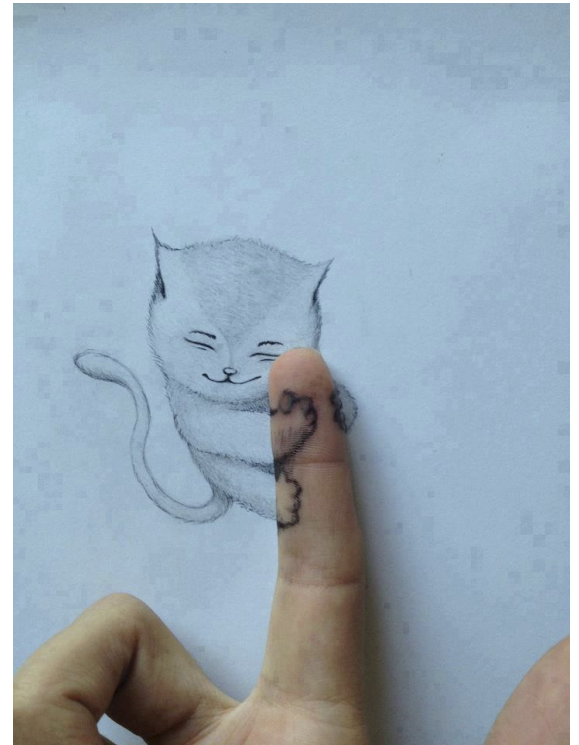
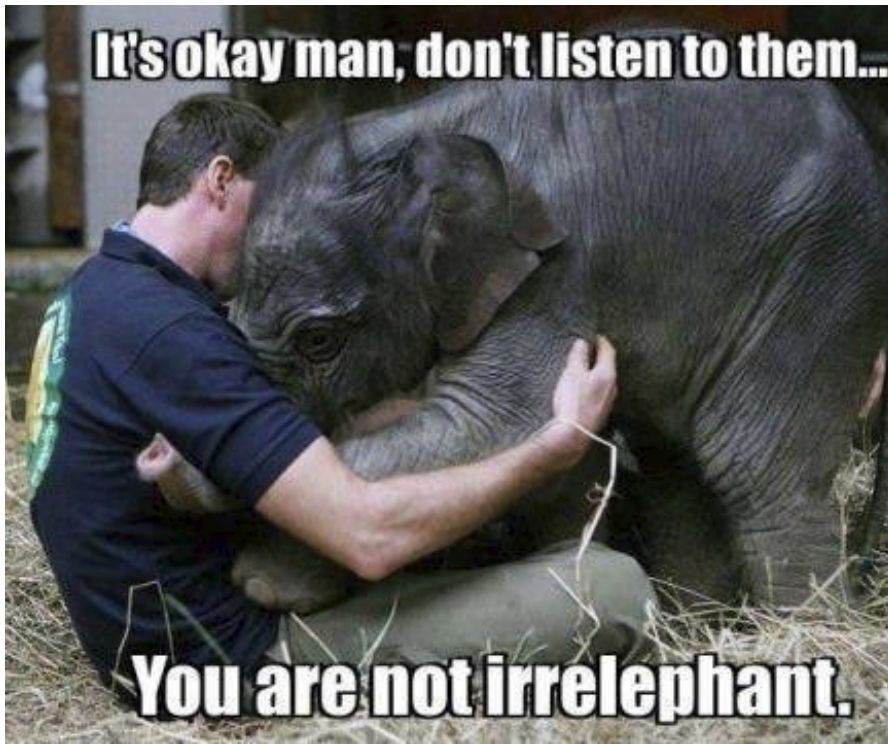


Some of the highlights for this Convention:

- ✦ Free transport within a 150 km radius of Sydney, prior to, during, and immediately following the Convention
  - ✦ A spectacular concert, and only available to Rotarians, to be held at the Sydney Opera House
  - ✦ Phenominal Opening and Closing ceremonies (Il Divo was the opening concert at the recent Lisbon Convention!!)
  - ✦ Attendees expected from over 170 nations with a record number of over 2,000 registrations signed up at Lisbon
- Opportunities to share a cuppa (or stronger) with old Rotary friends, or to meet up with new ones

Conventions are such awesome experiences: Where else could you sit around a table laughing together and sharing stories with people from Israel, Egypt, Turkey, and Greece – all together, enjoying their similarities.

And if you would like an even closer “behind the scenes” look at Conventions, why not sign up as a volunteer! The bright yellow, exclusive t-shirt, and the fabulous insights to these vast events, will make is an experience not to be missed!!



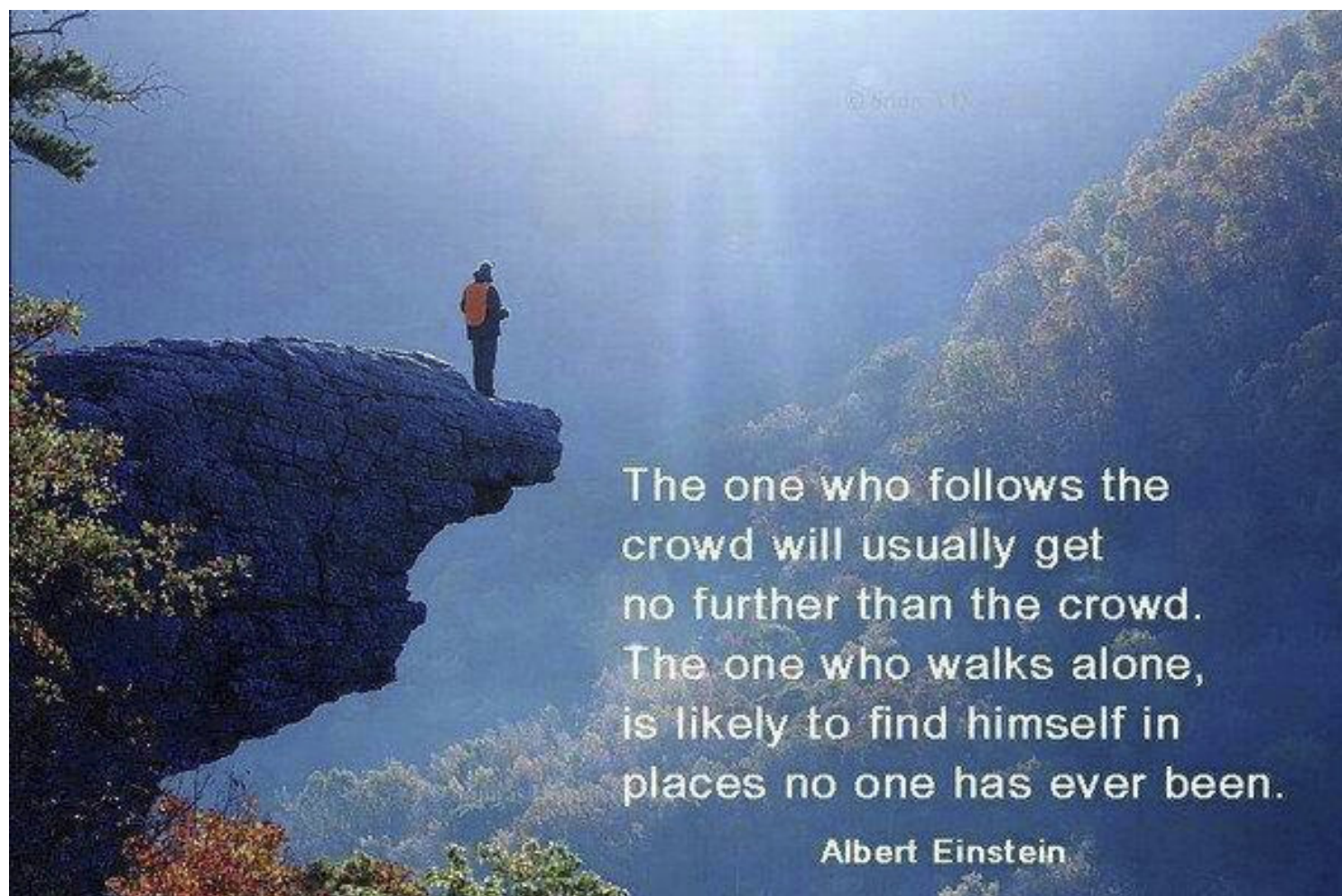
### *The Senility Prayer*

*God grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked, the good fortune to run into the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.*





**Everyone deserves to  
be this happy**



The one who follows the  
crowd will usually get  
no further than the crowd.  
The one who walks alone,  
is likely to find himself in  
places no one has ever been.

Albert Einstein